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CSU Bills Reflect Power Adjustment

Effective this month, College Station Utilities statements will reflect a Power Delivery Adjustment (PDA) charge to compensate for increased costs of electric transmission charges.

"These adjustments are something no one likes, but we hope our customers understand that CSU is one of the most inexpensive electric utilities in Texas," said David Massey, Electric Division Manager. "The charge of a half cent per kilowatt hour translates into an increase of approximately \$5 monthly for our average residential customers."

Massey said CSU chose to absorb much of the cost during the past year, but charges for natural gas have been substantially higher than anticipated. To improve cash flow and avoid decreasing reserves, CSU will utilize the PDA fee beginning with the current billing cycle.

Average monthly usage of 1,000 KWH

UTILITY	RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY ELECTRIC COST		
	TOTAL \$	\$/KWH (1,000 KWH)	% > C.S.
City of College Station	\$ 83.85	\$ 0.0839	0.00%
City of Bryan	\$ 95.15	\$ 0.0952	13.48%
City of San Antonio (CPS Energy)	\$ 98.98	\$ 0.0990	18.04%
Entergy Gulf States, Inc.	\$ 100.04	\$ 0.1000	19.31%
City of Austin (Austin Energy)	\$ 102.54	\$ 0.1025	22.29%
City of Georgetown	\$ 105.80	\$ 0.1058	26.18%
Bluebonnet Electric Co-op.	\$ 112.85	\$ 0.1129	34.59%
City of Caldwell	\$ 113.77	\$ 0.1138	35.68%
City of Brenham	\$ 116.99	\$ 0.1170	39.52%
Mid-South Synergy	\$ 122.50	\$ 0.1225	46.09%
Navasota Valley Electric Co-op.	\$ 127.95	\$ 0.1280	52.59%
TXU SESCO Energy Services	\$ 139.29	\$ 0.1393	66.12%
First Choice Power Retail	\$ 142.54	\$ 0.1425	70.00%
TXU Energy Services Retail	\$ 143.73	\$ 0.1437	71.42%
City of Hearne	\$ 150.20	\$ 0.1502	79.13%
Reliant Energy Retail	\$ 157.90	\$ 0.1579	88.31%
Mutual Energy CPL Retail	\$ 179.74	\$ 0.1797	114.36%
Mutual Energy WTU Retail	\$ 228.75	\$ 0.2288	172.81%

The City of College Station utilized a similar fee in previous years to cover fuel which exceeded anticipated costs. That fee (referred to as the Power Cost Adjustment) was removed when the need for the fee was eliminated.

Above chart showing residential current rate comparisons with other utilities for March 2006 includes the Power Delivery Adjustment on CSU March bills. Many utilities listed have off-peak rates for November-April. Where applicable, these rates have been used in the comparisons.

Taking the Hazards Out of Your House

Many people don't know how to dispose of household hazardous wastes safely or legally. Frequently, wastes are washed down drains, poured outside, or thrown in the trash, where they can pose risks to human health and the environment.

If you're "spring cleaning" your garage or shed and have items such as old paint, paint thinners, solvents, pesticides, household cleaners and old batteries, take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection April 29.

The Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency (BVSWMMA) will conduct the collection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive.

The event is free to residents of the Brazos Valley; however, the contractor has agreed to accept hazardous wastes from small businesses and city departments for disposal at a discounted fee. An account must be set up prior to the event.



For more information, call 764-3806, the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 764-3809 or visit www.cstx.gov/bvswma.